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METHOD FOR EVALUATING ELIMINATION OF MICROORGANISMS AND APPARATUS FOR EVALUATING ELIMINATION OF MICROORGANISMS

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the specification of which is attached hereto. If not attached hereto, the application is identified by the attorney docket number as set forth above and/or the following:

Information -  
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The specification was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
 United States Application Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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That, upon information and belief, I aver those facts which the inventor is required to state.

Date: 8. Nov. 2006

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